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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BUTTS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND,	Morgan V. Ward, Cle Butts County, Georg
Plaintiff,)) CIVIL ACTION
vs.)
) FILE NO.
KEARA A. RAMOS, STEVENS)
TRANSPORT, INC., ABC)
CORPORATIONS 1-3, and JOHN DOE 1-)
3,)
) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendants.)

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

COMES NOW Plaintiff MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND, and states his complaint against Defendants KEARA A. RAMOS; STEVENS TRANSPORT, INC..; ABC CORPORATIONS 1-3 and JOHN DOE 1-3 as follows:

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1.

Plaintiff MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND is a resident of the State of Georgia.

2.

Defendant KEARA A. RAMOS is the driver of the 2019 Peterbilt tractor trailer involved in the subject collision and is a resident of the State of Pennsylvania whose last known address is 318 E Marshall Street, Norris Town, Pennsylvania 19401-5031. As a non-resident motorist operating a vehicle within the territorial limits of the State of Georgia, Defendant may be served through the Secretary of State under O.C.G.A. § 40-12-1 and § 40-12-2. This Court has long-arm personal jurisdiction on this defendant through O.C.G.A. § 9-10-91.

Defendant STEVENS TRANSPORT, INC.., (herein "Stevens") is a for-profit, foreign corporation with its principal place of business located at 9757 Military Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75227. As a non-resident motor carrier operating a vehicle within the territorial limits of the State of Georgia, Defendant may be served through the Secretary of State under O.C.G.A. § 40-1-117 through their chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Steve L. Aaron. This Court has long-arm personal jurisdiction on this defendant through O.C.G.A. § 9-10-91.

4.

The true names or capacities of the Defendants named herein as ABC CORPORATIONS
1-3 and JOHN DOE 1-3 are unknown to the Plaintiff. Therefore, Plaintiff sues these Defendants
by their fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend the Complaint to show the true names of these
Defendants when their names have been ascertained.

5.

Defendants are joint tortfeasors, and therefore venue is proper in Butts County, Georgia.

COUNT I NEGLIGENCE- KEARA A. RAMOS

6.

Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 5 above as if the same were restated herein verbatim.

7.

On February 7, 2022, Plaintiff MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND was driving his 2013 Ford LGT CONVTNL F-150 traveling in a prudent and careful manner, eastbound on Highway 36 East, at its intersection with Short Road in the City of Jackson, Butts County, Georgia.

At or about that same time, Defendant Ramos was driving a 2019 Peterbilt tractor trailer traveling northbound on Short Road at its intersection with Highway 36 East in the City of Jackson, Butts County, Georgia when she negligently, recklessly, carelessly and unlawfully operated said vehicle so as to cause it to collide with the Plaintiff's vehicle.

8.

At all relevant times, Defendant Ramos owed certain civil duties to Plaintiff, and, notwithstanding those duties, the Defendant did violate them in the following particulars:

- a. In failing to make reasonable and proper observations while driving Defendant's
 2019 Peterbilt tractor trailer or, if reasonable and proper observations were made,
 failing to act thereon;
- b. In failing to yield to right of way traffic in violation of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-70;
- c. In failing to make timely and proper application of its brakes in violation of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-241;
- In failing to observe or undertake the necessary precautions to keep the 2019
 Peterbilt tractor trailer from colliding with the Plaintiff's vehicle in violation of O.C.G.A § 40-6-390;
- e. In driving the 2019 Peterbilt tractor trailer without due caution and circumspection and in a manner so as to endanger the person and/or property of others in the immediate vicinity in violation of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-241;
- f. In driving the 2019 Peterbilt tractor trailer in reckless disregard for the safety of persons and/or property in violation of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-390; and,
- g. In committing other negligent and reckless acts and omissions as may be shown by the evidence and proven at trial.

9.

Defendant Ramos's violations of the aforementioned statutory duties of care constitute negligence and *negligence per se*.

10.

As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and breaches of duty by Defendant Ramos, Plaintiff MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND suffered substantial injuries and damages including medical and other necessary expenses, mental and physical pain and suffering due to the injuries to his body and nervous system, personal inconvenience, plus an inability to lead a normal life. As a result of the subject collision, Plaintiff MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND has incurred past medical expenses, and will incur medical expenses into the future.

COUNT IINEGLIGENCE- STEVENS TRANSPORT, INC.

11.

Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference paragraphs 1 through 10 above as if they were fully restated herein verbatim.

12.

At all times relevant on February 7, 2022, Defendant Ramos was an employee or agent of STEVENS TRANSPORT, INC., and was driving the 2019 Peterbilt tractor trailer within the course and scope of her employment or agency relationship with Stevens. Defendant Stevens Transport, Inc. is/are liable for the negligent acts and omissions of Defendant Ramos as an agent and/or employee of Stevens at the time of the accident.

13.

Defendant Stevens is/are responsible for the acts and omissions of Defendant Ramos pursuant to *respondeat superior*.

Defendant Stevens negligently hired, retained, and supervised Defendant Ramos.

15.

Defendant Stevens negligently entrusted the 2019 Peterbilt tractor trailer to Defendant Ramos when they knew or should have known that its driver was incompetent or unfit to perform the duties given to the driver by the company.

16.

As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid negligence and breaches of duty by Defendant Ramos, Plaintiff MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND suffered substantial injuries and damages including medical and other necessary expenses, mental and physical pain and suffering due to the injuries to his body and nervous system, personal inconvenience, plus an inability to lead a normal life. As a result of the subject collision, Plaintiff MICHAEL SCOTT ROLAND has incurred past medical expenses and will incur medical expenses into the future.

17.

By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff is entitled to recover compensatory damages from the Defendant Stevens' negligent hiring and retention in an amount to be proven at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays and demands as follows:

- (a) That Process and Summons issue, as provided by law, requiring Defendants to appear and answer Plaintiff's Complaint;
 - (b) That service be had upon Defendants as provided by law;
- (c) That Plaintiff have and recover general damages from such Defendants, as the jury deems are liable to Plaintiff, and in such an amount as the jury deems just and appropriate to

fully and completely compensate Plaintiff for all of her injuries and pain and suffering, mental,

physical, and emotional, past, present, and future;

(d) That Plaintiff have and recover from Defendants, special damages for past and future

medical expenses and loss of income in the past and future in such an amount as shall be proven

at trial;

(e) That this matter be tried to a jury;

(f) That all costs be cast against the Defendants;

(g) For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and appropriate.

This 28th day of June 2022.

/s/ Laura Sidwell Maki

Laura Sidwell Maki Attorney for Plaintiff Georgia Bar No.: 257756

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TRANSPORT, INC., ABC

CORPORATIONS 1-3, AND JOHN

DOE 1-3,

Defendants.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY OF TWELVE

COMES NOW State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and demands trial of this action by jury of twelve.

This 19th day of July, 2022

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day served counsel of record in the foregoing matter with the attached **Demand for Trial by Jury of Twelve** by e-filing and/or depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail in an envelope with sufficient postage thereon addressed as follows:

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This 19th day of July, 2022.

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CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2022-SU-V-0213

Roland, Michael Scott

VS.

PLAINTIFF

VS

Ramos, Keara A. Stevens Transport, Inc.

DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS

TO: RAMOS, KEARA A.

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

Laura S. Maki Morgan & Morgan 191 Peachtree Street P.O. Box 57007 Atlanta, Georgia 30343

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 28th day of June, 2022.

Clerk of Superior Court

Butts County, Georgia

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PLAINTIFF

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SUMMONS

TO: STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is:

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Defendants. *

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ANSWER ON BEHALF OF STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY

NOW COMES State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, hereinafter ("State Farm"), by and through the undersigned attorney, and responds to Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

First Defense

Plaintiff's Complaint should be dismissed for all the legal grounds set forth in O.C.G.A. §9-11-12(b), including, but not limited to (1) Lack of jurisdiction over the subject matter; (2) Lack of jurisdiction over the person; (3) Improper venue; (4) Insufficiency of process; (5) Insufficiency of service of process; (6) Failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted; (7) Failure to join a party under Code Section 9-11-19.

Second Defense

Plaintiff's failure to plead special damages sought in this action bars their recovery pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-9(g).

Third Defense

Plaintiff's Complaint should be dismissed for all the legal grounds set forth in O.C.G.A. § 9-11-8(c), including but not limited to: accord and satisfaction, arbitration and award, discharge in bankruptcy, duress, estoppel, failure of consideration, fraud, illegality, injury by fellow servant, laches, license, payment, release, res judicata, statute of frauds, statute of limitations, and waiver.

Fourth Defense

State Farm denies that Defendant is an uninsured or underinsured motorist, as defined by Georgia Law and further denies the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 37-7-11.

Fifth Defense

Plaintiff has failed to comply with conditions precedent in recovering from their uninsured motorist carrier.

Sixth Defense

Responding specifically to the allegations contained in the Plaintiff's Complaint, State Farm responds as follows:

1.

State Farm is without knowledge sufficient to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint; therefore, State Farm denies this allegation.

2.

State Farm is without knowledge sufficient to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Complaint; therefore, State Farm denies this allegation.

3.

State Farm is without knowledge sufficient to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of Plaintiff's Complaint; therefore, State Farm denies this allegation.

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State Farm is without knowledge sufficient to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint; therefore, State Farm denies this allegation.

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State Farm is without knowledge sufficient to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint; therefore, State Farm denies this allegation.

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State Farm is without knowledge sufficient to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of Plaintiff's Complaint; therefore, State Farm denies this allegation.

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18.

State Farm is without knowledge sufficient to either admit or deny the allegations

contained in paragraph 18 of Plaintiff's Complaint; therefore, State Farm denies this allegation.

CROSS-CLAIM

COMES NOW, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and files this cross-

claim against Defendants showing the Court as follows:

1.

If any Defendant(s) is an uninsured or underinsured motorist, and if State Farm is required

to pay or satisfy any judgment to Plaintiff by reason that Defendant(s) is/are uninsured or an

underinsured motorist, then pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-7-11, State Farm is by law entitled to

judgment over and against such Defendant(s).

WHEREFORE, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company prays:

a) For six months to complete discovery;

b) For a trial by jury;

c) For judgment over and against Defendants for all amounts it may be required to pay

to Plaintiff as a result of this action; and

d) For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

This 19th day of July, 2022.

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